throughout the country. The Government of Kerala had requested for reviewing the standards for "Pickle in Oil". The standards have been reviewed by the Central Committee for Food Standards which recommended to maintain the status quo. The Government of Kerala was informaed on 19.8.1997 accordingly.

Recommendation of Mahajan Committee on Sugar Regarding Import Duty

2015. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by the former Food Secretary B.B Mahajan has recommended a 40% countervailing import duty on sugar to protect the domestic industry and to do away with sale of sugar under PDS gradually over a period of two years; and

(b) if so, what are its precise recommendations and the decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The Mahajan Committee has recommended that import duty may be levied at 40% of average difference between exfactory price of freesale and levy sugar during the past 5 years. The Committee also recommended complete decontrol of sugar which could be phased out over a period of two years. It has been suggested that Statutory Levy percentage may be reduced to 20% from the beginning of the next sugar season and that it may be retained at that level for two years. After the expiry of those two years, the levey provision may be completely abolished.

The recommendations of the Committee are under examination in Government.

Promotions in AIIMS

2016. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 25th March, 1998, under the heading "AIIMS reputation under cloud-shady Professor may get plum post";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of officials facing serious charges who were considered for promotion and the reasons therefor and the action taken against them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A faculty member of the Institute was placed under suspension twice, for the charges as alleged in the news-item. In the first case the Disciplinary Authorities imposed a minor penalty upon him. In the second case his suspension has been revoked w.e.f. 5.4.1997 pending court case and the matter is still subjudice.

(c) In the meeting of the Selection Committee held on 16.3.98 to consider promotion of faculty members, cases of two faculty members who were facing serious charges were also considered and the recommendations of the Selection Committee have been kept in a sealed cover in accordance with the instructions.

CGHS Dispensary at Pratap Vihar Ghaziabad

2017. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment are aware that the Vijay Nagar and Pratap Vihar area of Ghaziabad is upcoming very fast and thousands of Central Government employees are residing there but there is no Government hospital of CGHS dispensary or even authorised medical attendant approved by Government;

(b) whether Government propose to open a CGHS dispensary there in near future and appoint an authorised medical attendant of requisite status right now in the area till the CGHS dispensary is opened; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasos therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The Government has not received any request for opening of CGHS dispensary from the residents of the said colonies in Ghaziabad. The CGHS dispensaries are